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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SENTENCING OF FORMER DGCA FOR CORRUPTION

1. TEHRAN PRESS APRIL 28, 1977 REPORTS THAT MILITARY TRIBUNAL ON APRIL 27 SENTENCED FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION HOUSHANG ARBABI TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND A FINE OF 111.5 MILLION RIALS (ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION) FOR MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. IN ADDITION TO ARBABI NINE OTHER CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WERE SENTENCED TO TERMS RANGING FROM TWO-FIVE YEARS AND LESSER FINES. AMONG THOSE SENTENCED WERE FORMER CAO DEPUTY JAFAR ABOLMALI (2 YEARS PRISON AND FINE OF 1.6 MILLION RIALS), MOHAMMAD MAHDAVI (3 YEARS PRISON AND FINE OF 9.2 MILLION RIALS), MAHMOUD FAMILI (2 YEARS PRISON AND FINE OF 40.4 MILLION RIALS). LESSER CAO OFFICIALS ALSO SENTENCED WERE JAMALODEIN PEZESHKAN, MOHAMMAD USHEMI, ALI AKBAR YOSOOFI, SIROUS SHAHDOUST, MASSOUD NAHARAN, AND MANOUCHEHR SAFARI.

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2. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS DEFINITELY, REMARKS BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MEHDI HADJIMONIRI, LED US TO BELIEVE THAT THE MIS-APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAO CONTRACT WITH THE IRANO-BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. IT IS IRONIC THAT ARBABI, WHO OFTEN SPOKE VEHEMENTLY ABOUT

THE PERILS OF CORRUPTION TO THE STABILITY OF IRANIAN  
SOCIETY, SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS SCANDAL.  
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